

June 2, 1934

Mrs. Annie C. Hansen
Boulder, Utah

Dear Madam:

Boulder Dist
RE: ~~APP. NO. 10338~~

As a result of your letter of May 16, Mr. Burnell Baker was asked to give his version of the situation and the following letter was received from Claud V. Baker:

"I have a letter from you which is addressed to Burnell Baker, my son. Burnell is away from home at present, so I am answering the letter.

The reason that the board was chopped out of the gate in the canal was because it was put in in such a way that it backed the water up so that they would raise a headgate and draw off a large stream of water out of the canal. After the high water was all gone we closed their gate several times and they promised to leave it closed but when we would go back their gate would be open and they would have a stream of water out again.

There has been a lot of dissatisfaction for several years the way Hansens have handled the water at this place. We understand they have a filing on high water, then when water gets low they take water and our crops go dry. Last year we were damaged a great deal on their account. We lost about $\frac{1}{4}$ of our crop. I would appreciate very much any advice you would give me on Hansen's water filing."

It is the desire of this office to see that justice is done in the distribution of water, and where various users from a stream cannot agree among themselves as to the division of water it is sometimes necessary to appoint a water commissioner. This causes considerable expense to the users and is therefore to be avoided unless absolutely necessary. If problems of this nature are approached in a spirit of fairness, with recognition of the rights of others, much trouble and expense may be avoided.

Yours very truly,
T.H. Humpherys,
STATE ENGINEER.